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AMENDMENT

SIR:

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This Amendment addresses the Office Action mailed October 23, 2002, and it is respectfully requested that the above-identified application be amended as shown below. It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment places the above-identified application in condition for allowance.

In the Claims:

Please amend the Claims as shown:

A1
2. (Amended) The method according to Claim 1, further comprising the step of posing instructions in the auxiliary program as to which information regarding the computer should be investigated.

A2
9. (New) The method according to Claim 1, further comprising the step of performing a check periodically to determine whether there is a request from an outside source to process the auxiliary program.